REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 and 43-52 are pending. Claims 10-42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 and 43-52 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner issue this case. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500. Favorable action in regard to the application is earnestly solicited.

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